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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Lydman	State
*Mr. Wayne	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Col. Wade	Air Force
	CIA
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2. The Chairman made the following statements regarding the revisions of Standard Instructions for NIS:

a. It should be a matter of prior importance to finish up the revisions as soon as practicable. Printing of the revised Instructions in final form will be delayed for several months after the last revision has been approved. This period should be utilized in testing the revisions for flaws of one kind or another. D/NIS will make a special examination of the revisions for flaws and will report its findings to the NIS Committee.

b. D/NIS will undertake to meet reasonable requirements for interim copies of the revisions. These requirements should, however, be kept to the minimum. Members were asked to submit their agency requirements for Chapters III (Transportation and Telecommunications), VI (Economic), and VII (Scientific), and Supplements I (Naval Facilities) and III (Telecommunications).

3. It was announced that the NIS Chapter VII (Scientific) Subcommittee has been continued with its present chairmanship (Army) until the end of FY 1950, when the chairmanship will be taken over by CIA. This subcommittee will proceed with the revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter VII and with the formulation of the FY 1951 production schedule for Chapter VII and will handle Chapter VII working level matters. In view of the fact that Standard Instructions for this chapter will require few changes, it is hoped

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to get the revision before the committee shortly.

4. The production schedule for Chapters VIII (Armed Forces) for FY 1951 was approved.

5. The Army member announced that the submission of the FY 1951 production schedule for Chapters III (Transportation and Telecommunications) has been delayed pending decision as to whether the Transportation Corps or the Corps of Engineers is to assume principal responsibility for Sections 32 (Highway Transport) and 33 (Inland Waterway Transport). He said he hoped to submit the schedule early in the week of 7-13 May.

6. The production schedules for Subsections 62C (Petroleum) and Supplements V (Petroleum) for FY 1951 were discussed. The Chairman expressed the following opinions, which were concurred in by the committee:

a. The schedule for Subsections 62C will have to follow that for Chapters VI (Economic).

b. The priority list for Supplements V as submitted by the MBPC indicates a number of areas for which Subsections 62C have been prepared. Supplements V should be first scheduled for these areas for the following reasons:

(1) Base maps and gazetteers are already available for these areas. Thus the production problem will be simplified.

(2) A substantial amount of information needed for Supplements V for these areas has presumably been collected to enable preparation of the Subsection 62C.

(3) Such scheduling will facilitate the implementation of the Supplement V Program while allowing additional time for collection of information on the more difficult countries; e.g., the Iron Curtain countries.

The manner of scheduling of Supplements V for years subsequent to FY 1951 will have to be determined by reexamination of the circumstances.

c. The MBPC will have to examine, at the beginning of FY 1951, Subsections 62C partially completed during FY 1950 by the Bureau of Mines and determine which of them it desires to complete and which of them it prefers to do over.

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7. The revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter VI (Economic) was discussed with regard to the following points:

a. A proposal by Navy that certain subsections of Sections 62 (Fuels and Power) and 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) prepared by the Armed Forces Agencies be removed and placed in a separate chapter, supplement, or section entitled "Industrial Facilities". Navy's principal reasons for this proposal were as follows:

(1) Navy has not the capabilities to provide in the subsections prepared by it the evaluative economic discussions desired by State.

(2) An unduly long time elapses between submission by Navy of its contributions to State as section coordinator and the publication of the sections containing Navy-produced material.

The following was arrived at as a basis for further discussion of this problem:

(1) The requirements for Sections 62 and 64 should be left substantially as they are and a new section, "Industrial Facilities", should not be established.

(2) Navy has no capabilities to provide evaluative economic discussions, the Chief of Intelligence of the Air Force has directed that economic intelligence desired by the Air Force be obtained from State, and Army has limited capabilities for evaluative economic comment. Therefore, State, with such assistance as Army can render, should provide evaluative economic comment.

b. An objection by Army to including in Subsection 62D (Electric Power) detail in the amount desired by State. Army's reason for this objection is the belief that the amount of detail desired by State and not now being provided by Army is not required for the NIS. Comment was as follows:

(1) A producer of NIS has the responsibility for producing, in so far as his capabilities permit, basic intelligence required by all the Intelligence Agencies, not merely that needed by his own agency.

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(2) A department of the Government is the best determiner of its own basic intelligence requirements. These requirements should be minimum and feasible of fulfillment. If they are (and State's appear to be), then the only limitation on fulfillment should be that imposed by producing agency capabilities.

Discussion was deferred until next meeting when the Army member will have present a working level specialist from Army and there will be determination of Army capabilities to produce the details required by State.

c. Miscellaneous comments as follows:

(1) The proposed new section, Section 66 (Government Policies and Planning), covers a very important topic. However, it is very closely related to Section 60 (Introduction); and to include it in the latter as a subsection would not only be highly appropriate but would also simplify the problem of maintenance. This proposed change will be considered and taken up again at the next meeting.

(2) The title of 61-C-1, page 13, fifth line from the bottom, was changed to read as follows: "Location and Characteristics of Fisheries and Fish Processing Installations".

(3) The title of 61-C-4, page 14, sixth and fifth lines from the bottom, was changed to read as follows: "Discuss Briefly the Country's Foreign Trade in Fish and Fish Products."

(4) The beginning of Paragraph 6, page 4, was changed to read as follows: "UNITS OF MEASURE AND VALUE. See NIS Editorial Instructions, Section V (Statistical Data) for detailed rules. The section coordinator will insure that contributors are consistent within each section of Chapter VI in the use of units of measure and value".

8. Examination of a proposed production schedule for Chapters VI (Economic) for FY 1951 disclosed that most elements scheduled were defections from FY 1950, Armed Forces Agency contributions for which had already been

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finished and passed to State. The schedule, if adopted, would have created a situation in which the Armed Forces Agencies would have no scheduled production for Chapters VI for FY 1951 or would have required these agencies to spend FY 1951 in revising Chapter VI contributions already submitted. Hence, a realignment of the schedule with a view harmonizing the efforts of State with those of the Armed Forces Agencies was indicated. It was agreed that this realignment should be accomplished as follows:

a. State to give precedence of effort to Sections 62 (Fuels and Power) and 64 (Manufacturing and Construction), which are the sections involving contributions from the Armed Forces Agencies.

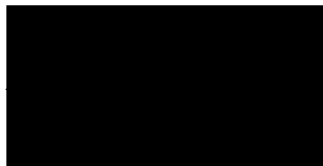
b. The Armed Forces Agencies to schedule fewer than eight (8) advance contributions to Sections 62 and 64 and to expend remaining capabilities in revising contributions already submitted.

9. The State member said that properly cleared members of non-IAC Agencies engaged in the NIS Program are permitted access to classified State Department documents in the OIR library but that special permission must be obtained in each instance for these members to see classified documents of the other IAC Agencies. He pointed out that this practice is burdensome and requested blanket permission for properly cleared members of non-IAC Agencies to have access, in connection with NIS work, to classified documents of Army, Navy, and Air Force. The consensus was that the matter could not be dealt with by the NIS Committee but should be taken up by State through security channels.

10. The question arose as to when the revised outline guides should go into effect. The consensus was that when a revised outline guide is issued it should be placed into effect at the discretion of the chapter coordinator (section coordinator in the case of Chapter VI).

11. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 9 May 1950, at CIA.

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